

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain present in this application.

The specification has been amended. It is noted that these amendments have not been made in response to any statutory requirement, but have been made simply to place the application in better form. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Zeamer et al., U.S. Patent 3,166,365. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Zeamer et al. in view of Japanese document 339174. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a housing structure comprising a first case with an extension plate, and a second case with a notch. The extension plate engages with the notch, wherein the length of extension plate and the notch is h.

The patent to Zeamer discloses a typewriter carrying case comprising a lower flange 143 engaging with an upper end portion 142 (see column 5, lines 1-4, for example). As can be seen in Fig. 3, the lower flange 143 and the upper end portion 142 do not have the same length.

The patent to Zeamer therefore fails to teach that the length of extension plate and the notch is h, as can be found in independent claim 1. The secondary reference, Japanese document 339174, fails to overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference to Zeamer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art utilized by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest the housing structure of independent claim 1 and its dependent claims. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 11-19 to be allowable. In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

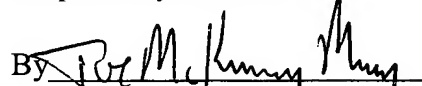
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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